(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) *Vide* Press Note 3(2006 Series) dated 10-2-2006 Government has allowed FDI up to 51 % in retail trade of 'Single Brand' products with conditions and with prior Government approval.

(b) and (c) Products sold under Single Brand Retail with FDI cater to the brand-conscious clientele having a different niche as compared to that served by the small traders. Hence, FDI in retail trade of single brand products is not expected to affect the existing small and medium traders.

Setting up cement plants

1692. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy to set up cement plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the location-wise details of cement plants proposed to be set up in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) After the announcement of new Industrial Policy in 1991, investment decisions, including project location, have been left to the commercial judgement of the entrepreneurs. The Government acts as a facilitator and has put in place an investor friendly regime. There is no policy under which Government itself is required to set up cement plants.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Export of pharmaceutical and chemical items

1693. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pharmaceutical and chemical items being exported during the last three years;

(b) the details of value of exports made during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the exports and earn huge foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Details of